

REMARKS

In response to the October 20, 2004 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a method of manufacturing a thin flat panel display, classified in class 216, subclass 33, with traverse. Applicants provisionally withdraw non-elected claims 9 and 10, drawn to a thin flat panel display.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of claims 1-10 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. *See* MPEP § 803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office. Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

In the alternative, examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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